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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,384.1 million in August to $1,464.2 million in September,[1] a gain of about six percent, reflected increases in exports of all of the economic classes of commodities except crude foodstuffs. The September domestic merchandise export total was about eight percent higher than the September 1958 total of $1,351.1 million. M.S.P. (military) shipments are included in these totals.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, September exports of domestic merchandise totaled $1,384.5 million, a level about eight percent more than the August 1959 total of $1,287.0 million, and about 13 percent more than the September 1958 total of $1,229.5 million.

Exports of crude materials, accounting for more than half of the over-all increase in domestic merchandise exports between August and September, rose from $130.6 to $186.2 million. Increases in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from $29.3 to $70.3 million; unmanufactured cotton, from $11.6 to $26.1 million; and oil seeds, from $15.4 to $21.0 million, accounted for most of this gain. The rise in exports of semimanufactures from $208.3 to $226.7 million was due largely to increases in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: industrial chemicals, except Special Category Type 1, from $22.1 to $26.2 million; synthetic rubber, from $13.7 to $17.6 million; wood pulp, from $8.0 to $11.4 million; and plastics and resin materials, from $21.5 to $24.7 million. However, exports of copper semimanufactures, also included in the class, fell from $10.2 to $5.9 million. The small increase in exports of finished manufactures from $828.7 to $834.5 million reflected in part small counterbalancing changes in exports of many of the individual commodities included in the class. The more noticeable of these were as follows: automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $38.3 to $45.6 million; paper and manufactures from $19.5 to $23.5 million; aircraft, parts and accessories, from $66.1 to $55.3 million; and ammunition, components and parts, from $20.3 to $10.8 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs increased slightly from $99.3 to $102.4 million as small advances in most of the individual commodities included in the class were partly offset by sizeable declines in exports of milled rice, from $12.7 to $6.5 million, and refined vegetable oils, fats and waxes, from $12.3 to $7.8 million.

During the period, exports of crude foodstuffs decreased slightly from $117.2 to $114.4 million.

[1] Available records indicate that there was an increase in September in the number of vessels loaded during that month but not departing until the first of the following month or later. This indicates that accelerated vessel loading took place at the end of September in anticipation of the longshoremen's strike. Some of this accelerated loading probably is reflected in the September totals, but merchandise loaded in September on vessels departing October first or later will be included in the October totals in accordance with regular compiling procedures.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100 to $499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than $50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and the January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: SEPTEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity		September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average	
					1958	1957
Total	value	*[1]1,464.2	[2]1,384.1	[3]1,351.1	[4]1,474.5	[5]1,722.6
Crude materials	value	186.2	130.6	160.7	178.0	259.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	4.8	5.3	3.6	4.6	5.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb	129,446	117,964	92,394	92,402	114,861
	value	9.5	9.2	7.8	8.0	10.0
Oil seeds	value	21.0	15.4	7.7	18.0	20.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb	93,654	38,865	58,767	40,195	41,746
	value	70.3	29.3	45.5	29.5	29.9
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	251	129	229	398	602
	value	26.1	11.6	30.2	55.1	88.3
Coal	1,000 s.tons	3,726	4,110	4,861	4,380	6,731
	value	35.9	39.2	47.3	43.8	69.1
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl	151	237	170	361	4,187
	value	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.2	14.4
All other crude materials	value	18.4	20.0	18.1	17.8	21.4
Crude foodstuffs	value	114.4	117.2	108.8	106.7	111.0
Corn	1,000 bu	15,746	14,989	16,973	14,942	14,833
	value	20.7	19.9	22.3	19.6	20.9
Wheat	1,000 bu	27,627	25,634	26,387	27,484	34,664
	value	47.9	45.2	46.2	47.5	61.2
Other grains	value	23.5	31.4	21.0	20.0	9.0
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb	128,700	118,068	125,313	118,444	117,439
	value	7.6	6.5	6.4	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb	120,881	114,656	97,755	110,949	133,813
	value	9.1	10.3	7.5	8.9	9.1
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	(**)
All other crude foodstuffs	value	5.3	3.4	5.3	4.3	5.1
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	102.4	99.3	88.7	91.8	96.9
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb	36,365	35,113	21,730	19,702	28,757
	value	10.6	10.2	7.5	6.9	9.2
Lard	1,000 lb	57,279	39,535	25,177	32,212	41,781
	value	5.2	3.8	3.4	4.3	6.2
Dairy products	1,000 lb	56,035	48,763	27,409	39,530	46,895
	value	12.5	8.2	6.0	8.4	10.0
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb	7,655	4,556	3,342	3,437	5,807
	value	3.8	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.4
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb	90	205	133	103	133
	value	6.5	12.7	10.1	8.0	10.1
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt	2,379	1,862	1,784	2,259	2,207
	value	8.9	7.2	7.6	9.6	9.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.8	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.8
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb	9,394	4,349	12,229	16,305	17,198
	value	2.1	1.0	2.5	3.4	3.0
Canned fruits	1,000 lb	48,712	66,841	47,834	30,514	26,313
	value	6.6	9.8	7.6	4.7	3.9
Fruit juices, canned and frozen	1,000 gal	2,047	2,720	1,980	3,024	3,134
	value	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.3
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb	54,343	80,976	89,705	66,807	42,901
	value	7.8	12.3	12.4	10.6	7.2
Sugar and related products	value	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.3
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	10.8	9.1	10.2	12.5	(**)
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	18.3	14.4	11.4	12.4	27.0
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	226.7	208.3	182.6	189.6	270.2
Leather	value	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.1	1.8
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb	68,620	53,152	29,344	36,716	38,335
	value	17.6	13.7	8.2	9.8	10.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity		September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958	Monthly average 1957
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued						
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value..	5.3	4.3	3.3	3.0	3.5
Vegetable oils and fats	1,000 lb..	108,722	85,640	22,950	28,801	69,707
	value..	11.8	9.4	2.7	3.5	9.8
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	41,366	30,102	26,320	24,573	27,406
	value..	5.6	4.3	4.0	3.8	5.0
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	16,213	11,548	8,621	9,392	13,327
	value..	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.7	2.4
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	14,857	12,121	9,215	9,105	8,956
	value..	11.2	10.0	7.8	7.1	6.6
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft..	76,067	70,181	67,480	60,596	68,903
	value..	8.9	8.5	7.1	6.5	7.4
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons..	76	57	39	43	52
	value..	11.4	8.0	5.7	6.5	8.0
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	2,345	2,598	4,133	3,313	6,496
	value..	6.4	8.3	11.1	9.8	23.2
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons..	146	178	123	131	132
	value..	3.6	4.4	3.1	3.3	3.7
Steel mill products, semifinished	value..	0.1	0.2	1.3	1.3	6.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb..	4,723	10,277	31,913	20,516	35,772
	value..	0.7	1.1	2.9	2.0	3.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb..	31,668	28,453	148,294	157,053	276,051
	value..	4.3	4.3	14.2	15.0	25.6
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb..	50,481	49,590	70,165	82,467	133,750
	value..	3.7	3.6	5.7	6.5	12.2
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	15.7	20.3	8.3	10.3	34.2
Aluminum semimanufactures	value..	8.8	6.5	4.8	3.6	3.1
Copper semimanufactures	value..	5.9	10.2	17.4	16.9	20.2
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value..	9.4	8.5	6.3	8.4	7.6
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb..	67,349	58,704	48,064	46,907	41,112
	value..	24.7	21.5	16.4	17.4	15.6
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	26.2	22.1	18.1	17.9	18.4
Pigments	1,000 lb..	75,109	55,457	52,502	52,026	56,000
	value..	7.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.9
Nitrogenous fertilizer materials	1,000 lb..	68,449	70,440	51,856	106,124	179,727
	value..	2.2	2.1	1.7	3.0	4.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	[7]31.1	[7]27.9	[7]23.6	[7]25.2	[7]32.1
Finished manufactures	value..	834.5	828.7	810.2	908.3	985.3
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands..	91	91	109	102	[8]146
	value..	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.7	[8]5.3
Other rubber manufactures	value..	8.1	7.8	7.1	7.8	8.7
Cigarettes	millions..	2,253	2,041	1,532	1,506	1,416
	value..	9.7	8.8	6.5	6.4	5.6
Other tobacco manufactures	value..	1.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.5
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq.yd..	[9]36,965	[9]38,042	[9]38,870	[9]41,746	45,652
	value..	[9]9.9	[9]9.5	[9]9.1	[9]11.3	12.3
Other cotton manufactures	value..	8.1	7.6	7.5	8.1	8.7
Wool manufactures	value..	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value..	14.2	12.6	11.6	12.4	14.5
Other textile manufactures	value..	6.0	5.5	4.4	4.8	5.1
Wood manufactures, advanced	value..	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.7
Paper and manufactures	value..	23.5	19.5	17.6	18.3	18.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value..	8.3	5.6	10.7	10.9	16.1
Lubricating oil	value..	14.4	15.1	13.9	15.5	16.2
Glass and products	value..	8.0	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.7
Steel mill manufactures	value..	4.9	5.7	13.2	19.9	32.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value..	40.5	35.6	38.3	40.0	43.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number..	27,923	29,667	30,371	32,383	31,716
	value..	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.0
Radio and television apparatus	value..	22.4	20.6	21.4	23.3	20.9
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value..	54.9	52.8	54.0	55.7	59.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value..	20.1	19.4	14.7	18.9	19.7
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery	value..	57.4	59.1	53.9	57.9	74.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	10.9	12.1	11.0	14.4	26.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value..	11.4	12.8	11.5	13.8	
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value..	9.0	7.2	6.9	7.9	10.4
Other industrial machinery and parts	value..	69.6	66.5	66.8	75.6	77.8

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Economic class and commodity		September 1959	August 1959	September 1958	Monthly average 1958	Monthly average 1957
Finished manufactures—Continued						
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts	value	11.4	10.5	9.8	11.1	[10]10.6
Agricultural machines, implements and parts	value	9.6	11.7	8.0	10.3	11.1
Tractors	number	3,312	2,731	2,918	4,183	4,392
	value	19.2	15.4	12.8	15.8	20.7
Tractor parts and accessories	value	13.7	12.1	9.7	10.1	11.0
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new)	number	10,185	11,351	7,480	12,200	16,040
	value	21.7	25.5	15.5	24.5	36.2
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new)	number	5,859	4,588	6,389	10,146	11,923
	value	12.1	9.1	12.4	21.5	25.1
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	value	45.6	38.3	35.5	39.3	42.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new)	value	5.1	5.3	12.7	18.1	14.3
Aircraft, parts and accessories	value	55.3	66.1	58.1	81.0	85.7
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.	number	8	17	8	11	28
	value	0.6	3.1	12.5	5.7	8.1
Railway transportation equipment	value	5.7	5.9	13.9	17.4	12.1
Antibiotics	value	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.5	6.9
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	value	20.3	15.1	15.8	17.7	16.8
Soap and toilet preparations	value	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.	value	2.1	2.8	18.8	6.4	3.1
Ammunition, components and parts	value	10.8	20.3	18.1	15.6	17.5
Special Category Type 1[6]	value	38.8	41.7	33.9	42.2	37.9
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	130.0	134.5	114.9	121.1	133.2

*See footnote one on front page of this report. **Data for periods prior to January 1958 not available. [1]Includes $79.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($49.9 million to Western Europe). [2]Includes $97.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.0 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $121.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($44.1 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($58.6 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($59.4 million to Western Europe). [6]See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. [7]For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. [8]Data for periods prior to January 1958 also include new and used motorcycle tires and used truck, bus, and automobile tires. [9]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. [10]Data for periods prior to January 1958 do not include exports of electronic computers and parts.